

REMARKS

Claims 1-99 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 22, 24-27, 34-43, 45, 59-63, 67-70, 75-76, 82-83, 86-88, 91-94 and 97 without prejudice or disclaimer. The claims have been cancelled in order to reduce filing fees. Claim 95 has been amended to change the dependancy from now cancelled claim 94 to claim 53.

As a result claims 1-15, 17-21, 23, 28-33, 44, 46-58, 64-66, 71-74, 77-81, 84-85, 89-90, 95-96 and 98-99 are pending for examination with claims 1, 46, 98 and 99 being independent claims. Applicant reserves the right to re-introduce the claims or purse the claims in a continuation.

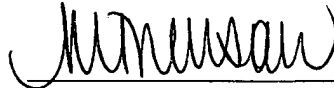
No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions he/she is requested to call the Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

Respectfully submitted,

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